



## Command Philosophy



This battalion belongs to the Marines and Sailors that do the lion's share of the dirty work. They ultimately do the sweating and the fighting and determine victory or defeat. The purpose of this letter is to communicate the below principles that generate the necessary conditions and cohesion required to win in combat.

1. Discipline. Discipline is the key to success in life and the hallmark of the Corps. Maintain discipline and Marine Corps' standards in all that you do, on and off duty.
2. Character. Do your best in all things. When you get knocked down, get back up. Don't be a critic, take responsibility for your unit and make it better. Defend those that cannot defend themselves. Relentlessly pursue victory while maintaining a positive can do attitude. Your attitude will dictate your success as a spouse, parent, or Marine. Attitude is the difference in a battle of wills where one side quits first.
3. Do what's right. Be a leader worthy of the trust of your unit. Never tolerate Marines who lie, cheat, steal, use drugs, haze or assault fellow Marines. Never mistreat the dead, wounded or prisoners. Act in the absence of orders. If you see a mistake, correct it. Let your actions be an example for others to emulate.
4. Take care of each other. Look out for your buddy at all times and never leave a fallen comrade. Never abuse a position of authority. Ensure new Marines and Sailors are welcomed into our family. Grow your subordinate leaders by building an environment that fosters initiative and aggressiveness within the commander's intent. Be self-confident and generate cohesion by building trust in each other.
5. Be ready. The purpose of this battalion is to win in combat. Know yourself and your team and seek self-improvement by aggressively studying your craft. Open line of communication throughout the chain of command reduces friction and facilitates unity of effort. We do not know for certain where we will be called to serve, so our personnel and equipment must be ready to deploy with little to no notice. Our minds, bodies, and families must always be ready.

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